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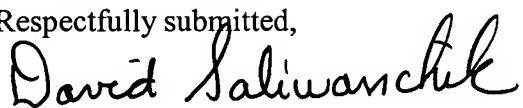
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Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby reaffirm their claim to the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 USC §119 based upon Japanese Application No. 10/210297, filed July 10, 1998 and Japanese Application No. 10/284,760, filed September 22, 1998.

Certified copies of the above Japanese applications can be found in the parent application, U.S. application Serial No. 09/743493. Applicants respectfully request that the certified copies of the foreign priority applications be made of record in the subject application pursuant to MPEP 201.14(b).

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